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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1(currently amended). A pharmaceutical composition for treating allergic asthma comprising:

an alcoholic extract of Radix Dioscorea;
an alcoholic extract of Rhizoma Alismatis;
an alcoholic extract of Poria cocos (schw) Wolf; and
an alcoholic extract of Scutellaria Baicalensis;

wherein said alcohol used for extracting is alcohol solution to 95%, and the weight ratio of Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis is 1-2:1-2:0.5-2:1-3 respectively.

Claim 2(canceled).

3(currently amended). The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said extract of Scutellaria Baicalensis is extracted ~~through~~ with an alcohol solution of 40% to ~~[[99]]~~95%.

4(original). The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said extracts of Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis is separately extracted from Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis.

5(original). The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said extracts of Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and

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Scutellaria Baicalensis are simultaneously extracted from the mixture of Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis.

6(original). The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1 further comprising an excipient.

Claim 7(canceled).

8(original). The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is designed to treat patients with allergic asthma.

9(currently amended). A method for preparing a pharmaceutical composition for treating allergic asthma composed of the extracts of Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis comprising:

extracting Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis in an alcohol separately to form extracts of Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis to form alcohol extracts;

filtering and concentrating each of said extracts to form condensates of Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis; and

mixing said condensates of Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis together;

wherein said alcohol used for extracting is alcohol of 40% to 95%, and the weight ratio of Radix Dioscorea, Rhizome Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis is 1-2:1-2:0.5-2:1-3 respectively.

10(original). The method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising concentrating each of said condensates separately or together before drying together to form granules

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of Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis.

11(original). The method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising adding an excipient to each of said condensates of Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis before granulating.

12(original). The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein said granules are encapsulated.

Claims 13-14(canceled).

15(currently amended). A method for preparing a pharmaceutical composition for treating allergic asthma composed of the alcohol extracts of Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis comprising: mixing Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis to form a mixture;

extracting said mixture in alcohol to form an alcohol extract of Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis; and

filtering and concentrating said extract to form a condensate of Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis;

wherein said alcohol used for extracting is an alcohol solution [[0]] to 95%, and the weight ratio of Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis of said condensate is 1-2:1-2:0.5-2:1-3 respectively.

16(original). The method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising granulating said condensate by spray-drying to form a granule of Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis.

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17(original). The method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising adding an excipient carboxyl methylcellulose and $\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ to said condensate of Radix Dioscorea, Rhizoma Alismatis, Poria cocos (schw) Wolf, and Scutellaria Baicalensis before granulating.

18(original). The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said granule is encapsulated.

19(currently amended). The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said alcohol in said extracting is $[[0]]$ to 50% alcohol.

Claim 20(canceled).